

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on July 13, 2010 at the Wethersfield Public Library, Community Room – Lower Level, 515 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson
Gary McLeod, Clerk
Michael Rell
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate (Arrived at 7:38 PM)
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Susan Gillanders, Alternate

Members Absent: Bette Botticello

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner McLeod, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on July 2, 2010.

APPLICATION NO. 3832-10. Mark Raymond seeking to convert the detached garage into a pavilion with brick barbeque at 323 Hartford Avenue.

Mark Raymond of 323 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. He has built an addition to the house with an attached two car garage. He would like to convert the old detached two car garage into a pavilion by removing the two garage doors. The north side and the east facing sides are visible from the street. He is proposing rough sawn pine siding, 10", 8 foot boards, 1" thick, and they would be ship lapped. He will be removing the existing doors and leaving the doorway openings the same. He will remove the window on the south elevation and put in a 4'x7' doorway. The whole building will be rewrapped with the rough sawn pine siding. There will be a brick barbeque on the back side which is not visible from the street. There is a chimney which will be visible and will come up from the back side over the roof line, directly centered to the west side of the building. The chimney will be constructed in brick.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3833-10. Tracey McDougall seeking to replace a double hung window with an awning style window in the kitchen at 45 Nott Street.

Tracey McDougall of 45 Nott Street appeared before the Commission. This window is in the back of the house. The current window is double hung. The kitchen has been renovated and she would like to replace the window with an awning style window with no muntins. The proposed window will be slightly wider than existing window. The proposed window is a Windsor wood brick mold, solid single light window, 2" wide sash. The contractor will match the trim to the rest of the house.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3834-10. James Pawlak seeking to amend application number 3749-10 to extend the fence another 16' at 47 Church Street.

James Pawlak of 47 Church Street appeared before the Commission. He would like to extend the approved fence by an additional 16' toward the street. The fence will not extend to the end of the road - there will still be another 80' to 100' to the road. There will still be a 6' to 4' transition piece at the forward end of the fence.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3835-10. Patricia and John Rust seeking to construct a cupola on the garage at 16 Meggatt Park.

John Rust of 16 Meggatt Park appeared before the Commission. A photo of the cupola was submitted and reviewed by the Commission. It is currently installed on the ridge of the garage.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3836-10. Kathleen Williams seeking to replace and reconfigure the front landing and steps at 15 Hartford Avenue.

Kathleen Williams of 15 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. The existing front steps come off to the side. She would like to reconfigure them and put two steps in the front, keep the landing as is, and repoint the base. They will wrap the whole landing with fieldstone and bluestone cap. There will be two 8' stone steps with bluestone top facing forward. There will be 8' wrought iron rails on each side that match the existing.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3837-10. Aaron Rutherford and Carmen Cid seeking to construct a 14' x 16' single story addition at 192 Broad Street.

Aaron Rutherford and Carmen Cid of 192 Broad Street appeared before the Commission. They would like to build a one story room in the back of the house. Trim and windows will match what exists on the house. The addition will begin at the back porch and will have dimensions of 14'x16'. It will be built on posts versus a foundation and the bottom will be wrapped in lattice. They will use Andersen 400 Series windows, simulated divided light, with permanent exterior and interior grills. They will install a new fiberglass nine light door (as listed on the spec sheet). The siding will be wood 11" flat with a smooth exposure. The porch is existing and will become part of the addition.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3838-10. Jeffrey Moson seeking to install replacement windows and vinyl siding and enclose the rear porch at 46 Kenwood Drive.

Diane Cartier of 46 Kenwood Drive and Jeffrey Moson of 46 Briarcliff Drive, Windsor Locks, appeared before the Commission. The house currently has double hung 2/2 windows. They will replace all windows on the house with new construction vinyl double hung windows to match the light existing light pattern. The muntins will be applied to the exterior and the interior of the window. They would like to enclose the porch and remove the current 14 windows and replace with 3 casement windows, one on each wall. The rear of the porch will have one picture window, 6'x3' with casements on each side. The house currently has 10" wood shake shingles. They would like to replace with 4" double lap vinyl siding in Silver Gray color. The cornerboards will be vinyl and will be the same color as the siding. The trim around windows and the eaves will be white aluminum. They will have black shutters. No doors will be changed. The gutters will not be changed.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3839-10. Alicia and John Petruck seeking to relocate a 5' x 4' shed and construct brick pillars with an arbor at 62 Center Street.

Alicia and John Petruck of 62 Center Street appeared before the Commission. They would like to move the shed to the rear of the house, flush with the house, level with the deck. The opening to the shed faces the house. They would like to add an arbor to cover the garbage can and recycle bin. The arbor is a 4½' wide garden arbor with contemporary pergola top in white.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3840-10. Carolyn Owen seeking to install replacement windows in the basement at 32 Belmont Street.

Carolyn Owen of 32 Belmont Street appeared before the Commission. She would like to replace existing basement windows with single light vinyl hopper windows that open inward. One window will have a vent for the dryer. There are three windows – one on the right side and two on the left side of the house.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3841-10. Andy Bykowski seeking to enclose the front alcove at 16 Fernwood Street.

Applicant did not attend meeting.

APPLICATION NO. 3842-10. Kim and Michael Joyce seeking to construct a 24' x 5' two (2) story addition and install replacement windows at 13 Avalon Place.

Michael Joyce of 13 Avalon Place appeared before the Commission. The second floor addition dimensions will be 24' x 5' because there is currently a 12' bump out on the house where the bathroom is and the dimensions on the addition for the first floor will be 12'x24'. They currently have mitered siding with an 8" exposure. They want to keep the same lines on the exposure. They don't want to change the roofline of the house. They will be matching all of the existing materials on the outside of the house - siding exposure, mitered corners, window trim, and gutters. They would also like to change their windows from 6/6 to 6/1 simulated divided light. They are proposing to use Marvin Ultimate aluminum clad with muntins applied to the exterior for new construction windows and the Marvin Tiltpack windows for the replacement windows. The two doors will be replaced in kind. In the kitchen, they would like to replace the existing window above the sink with a center fixed window with casements on each side. This window will have no muntins. There will be an overhang over the door at the back entrance and the front entrance.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Tom and Marjorie Carson of 12 Avalon Place, Tom and Kristy Cantewell of 14 Avalon Place, Tim Swingle of 11 Avalon Place, and Doug and Mary Hodlin of 15 Avalon Place spoke in favor of the application via written correspondence dated July 11, 2010.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner McLeod, and a poll of the commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications except number 3841-10 and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3832-10. Mark Raymond seeking to convert the detached garage into a pavilion with brick barbeque at 323 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a nice application.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this change will bring the property together.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3833-10. Tracey McDougall seeking to replace a double hung window with an awning style window in the kitchen at 45 Nott Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is minimal impact.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3834-10. James Pawlak seeking to amend application number 3749-10 to extend the fence another 16' at 47 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this the same fence approved earlier, just longer.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3835-10. Patricia and John Rust seeking to construct a cupola on the garage at 16 Meggatt Park.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a nice cupola.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this was very nicely done.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3836-10. Kathleen Williams seeking to replace and reconfigure the front landing and steps at 15 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a nice application. This is a nice house and it's going to make the entranceway stand out.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the stone is fine versus the brick.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3837-10. Aaron Rutherford and Carmen Cid seeking to construct a 14' x 16' single story addition at 192 Broad Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this was a great application. All of the details were included.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3838-10. Jeffrey Moson seeking to install replacement windows and vinyl siding and enclose the rear porch at 46 Kenwood Drive.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to DENY the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a wood house that's going to vinyl which usually isn't approved. He can't see doing that to this house. There isn't such a problem with the windows but he doesn't want to see the house go to complete vinyl.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the owner can come back with a new application. He would like to see a sample of the windows. While the Commission has had a variety of applications for different types of siding, and approved different things like Cedar Impressions, this is different. He would entertain something that is better at keeping with the original character of the house, but not a double lapped vinyl.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3839-10. Alicia and John Petruck seeking to relocate a 5' x 4' shed and construct brick pillars with an arbor at 62 Center Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The arbor shall be 4 ½' wide in white composite material and the design shall be Garden Arbor with a pergola top.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that he doesn't have a problem the shed, but he just thinks it looks better in the back. He loves the pergola.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3840-10. Carolyn Owen seeking to install replacement windows in the basement at 32 Belmont Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that they are all vinyl, but they're in the wells, so they are a good choice.

Commissioner Garrey stated that for basement windows these are low impact and fine.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

APPLICATION NO. 3842-10. Kim and Michael Joyce seeking to construct a 24' x 5' two (2) story addition and install replacement windows at 13 Avalon Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this is a very nice application that is very well laid out.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the design is very in keeping with the architecture of the house.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2010

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

1. Kristin had a meeting with the new owners of Comstock Ferry and they were brought up to speed on the code regulations. They seem very positive and very interested in historic preservation.
2. The next meeting will include election of officers, meeting schedule for next year, and discuss the possibility of starting meetings at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Rell and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Rell, Wurzer

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Gary McLeod
Clerk